

St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



January 20, 2019
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*
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Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9am
Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil 5pm, Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11am
First Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30am to Noon
First Saturday: Rosary & Our Lady of Fatima Devotions, follow 9am Mass
Confession: Saturday at 4:15 pm and by request
Baptism: by appointment
Wedding: by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact
Rel. Ed.: Wednesdays Fall to Spring: **K-5**, 4-5:15pm; **6-8**, 7:30-8:30pm
H. S. Youth Group Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm
School: Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

Dear Parishioners,

"There's nothing worth doing that isn't worth overdoing." Thus spoke one of my delightfully irreverent college friends. Impudent as that sounds, it echoes one commentary about the first of Jesus' signs recorded in John's Gospel. Scripture scholar Silvano Fausti says that this story "tries to show us in one fell swoop how scandalously distinct God is from what we would imagine."

Really, what wedding celebration needs 600 liters of wine? But that is the story John tells us. The theological message seems to be that God is willing to go to extremes — and not necessarily the kind people ordinarily preach about.

While we have probably heard that the wedding at Cana showed Jesus' blessing of marriage, the story falls miserably short on marital details. The only member of the wedding party who even gets mentioned is the anonymous groom, and his only role is to hear that the new wine is better than the old.

The principal characters in the story are two of the wedding guests: Jesus and his mother. The secondary characters are servants. The family, disciples, bridesmaids, etc., are just extras. The entire plot flows around the wine. John the Baptist and his ascetic friends would be shocked!

Obviously, this is not a story about marriage and family. Nevertheless, it is a story about a marriage feast. In John's Gospel, it is the first act in the Messiah's mission to bring the union of God and humanity to fulfillment.

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Please Pray For....

Anita Abbott, Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Herbert Brown, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie

Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Aaron Cantler, Eric Carpentier, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Ellen Daniels, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Julian Douchard, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Jo Evans, Gary Evans, Jo Evans, Gloria Furr, Nancy Gallo, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Nancy Johnson, Steve Jones, Michael Kelley, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Carol Lawson, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Diane Lynch, Carolann Mannix, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Theresa Morace, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Richard Pacholski, Maggie Poole, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Fr. Vincent Rigdon, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Justin Rosner, Rick Rosser, Misty Runyon, Lucille Schultz, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Kyra Sosna, Jerry Stafford, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Steve Utrecht, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Michael Zahn.

Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...

Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Dennis Davio, Adam Fitterer, Chase Garrett, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua & Noah Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Kyle Twitchell, Michael Weigand.

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John the Evangelist called this the first of Jesus' "signs," events we often think of as miracles. But Jesus' signs were far more than one-time miracles. They were portents of things to come. Jesus' signs announced that something radically new was happening. We could consider the sign of the wedding wine as a living parable, a performance that explained Jesus' first declaration of his mission when he said: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:15).

John pays almost no attention to the actual bride and groom because this story is about the marriage of God and the people. The wedding without wine is the situation in which the old traditions, like the empty ceremonial jars, have lost their power.

This wedding is a lifeless liturgy. The principal players are nameless, the disciples are mere bystanders. People go through the motions, but there is no passion. It is as if they think this is what they are supposed to do, but they have no idea why they still believe in it. Anybody could do what they are doing and it would make no difference.

Then the mother of Jesus enters the scene. As the representative of Israel's hope, as Israel's potential to give life, she protests. A wedding without wine is a liturgy with no passion — a sacrilege.

The ever-enigmatic Jesus responds that his hour has not yet come. But Mother Israel, trusting that prayer will never go unheard, tells the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Like Moses who bid his people to choose life, she instructed God's servants to obey Jesus' word.

This brings the scene to its climax. Jesus asks the servants to do something utterly simple. He instructs them to fill their empty ceremonial jars. He tells them to fulfill the religious practices they had allowed to fall into neglect. Their obedience provided him with the raw material for working his sign. When they filled the jars to the brim, they demonstrated whole-heartedness and God had something new to work with.

In a story that will be echoed in the account of the loaves and fishes, Jesus took the little they could provide and transformed it into an overabundance. John tells us that this event marked the first revelation of Jesus' glory and that the disciples began to believe in him.

According to the Gospel of John, this was Jesus' primordial sign, the event that foreshadowed everything that was to come. Jesus said that his time had not yet come, but Mary believed that his very presence meant that the time was ripe.

We may be living in the same time zone as the guests at Cana. Too many of us have become accustomed to dryness. Like impassive wedding guests, we go through the motions of the ceremonies without great expectations. The real scandal highlighted in this story is not wine, but passivity.

Mary refused to accept a wedding feast without joy. More agitator than mediator, she took the problem to Jesus and then told the servants to pay attention to his command. She was convinced of God's extravagance, but her people had become docile to the point of unbelief.

Today she asks us if we want things to be different, if we are willing to risk the experience of God's lavish love. If so, it is time to turn to Jesus and do whatever he tells us. It is time for great expectations.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



“Jesus told them, fill the jars with water.”

- John 2:7

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 19** 5 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 20 8 am - Harry Ganjian
9:30 am - Mary Ellen Bains
11 am - Patti Gehring (L)
Mon., 21 9 am - Fr. Zylla
Tue., 22 9 am - Gertrude White
Wed., 23 9 am - Fr. Tom Gude
Thu., 24 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 25 9 am -

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 21

- Mon., 21** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Tue., 22 Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Thu., 24 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Fri., 25 Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
St. Francis de Sales
Sat., 26 Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
Conversion of St. Paul

The Haiti Committee is looking for a few good **young people** (and their parents, if interested) to join with the youth of our twinned parish in Carcasse, Haiti to work on a service project at the school and church in Carcasse. Initial plans are for a trip there in July 2019 to last about a week. We will schedule a planning meeting to gauge interest and work on details. Please contact Chris Miller @ cmlillerusn@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions. Let's make this a great new year of understanding the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

2019 Religious Wall Calendars, courtesy of Hilton Funeral Home, are available today in the vestibule of church.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School An open house will be held on Sunday, January 27 between 1 - 3 pm. Children and parents are welcome to join our classrooms, meet our talented faculty, and tour our beautiful campus. We offer STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Instruction. 10:1 Student to Teacher Ratio. Fulltime Nurse and more. RSVP at maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/ to attend open house or to schedule a tour. For additional information, please call 301-869-0940.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat will be held this coming Saturday at Annunciation Church in Washington, D.C. Carpools will leave from St. Mary's at 8:15 am and return about 3:30 pm. Drivers are still needed, please call or text Leslie Poe at 301-674-2355.

Springfield Hospital Thank You
On behalf of our patients and clients, we at Springfield Hospital cannot thank you enough for your large donation of gifts as well as four monetary donations. Your support will not be forgotten.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

- Mon., 21** 9 am - 3 pm - DAR
Tues., 22 9 am - Exercise
8 pm - Knights of Columbus
Wed., 23 4 pm - Religious Ed., K-5
7 pm - Youth Group
7:30 pm - Religious Ed., 6-8
Thu., 24 9 am - Exercise
7:30 pm - Choir
Sat., 26 9:30 am - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
11 am - Funeral
4:15 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass

Weather Policy If Montgomery County schools close or delay then there is no morning Mass and our offices may close. If they are closed, then all activities for that day are cancelled. Our lots are not always plowed right away. We must wait on the kindness of our parishioners.

Men's Discernment Retreat St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20's - 40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of February 1 - 3, 2019 at St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. This weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org. For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

Panama in the Capital - World Youth Day Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26 for a one-day catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama including world renowned speaker, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! Registration has begun, so register now! For more information visit www.wyddc.org.

In Remembrance

of

Robert Stonestreet

long time parishioner

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.